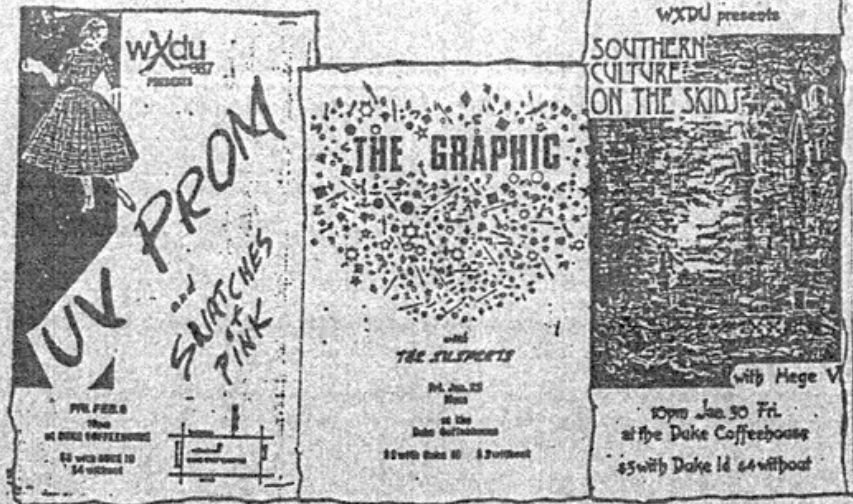




My Momma Always Told Me,

Howdy Gamers! The weather here has been ambivalent; hope you are doing well for yourselves. Some WXDU News: Our station-sponsored concerts at our on-campus venue, The Coffeehouse, are now weekly events due to the industriousness of promo dept. fly girl and fly guy, Sarah Reichman & Chris Calloway. Attendance has been quite respectable; we're glad to be able to provide some primo live music to this vertex of the Research Triangle in Durham, NC—a hot college kinda town... I've been doing a weekly special feature during my Radio Nouveau Show for about a year now where I "count down" the Top Ten Albums in College/Progressive Radio, playing a cut from each release and sharing gossip tidbits about the bands. I've also been doing a promotional giveaway in cooperation with Poindexter Records, Durham's hip budget disc emporium (1916 Perry St., Durham, NC 27705; 919 286-1852), whereby at the end of the countdown, the tenth (it's a decimal motif; the feature starts, you guessed it, at 10PM, on Tuesdays) caller gets his/her pick of one of the top ten albums. The Top Ten is alternately based on the national charts (CMJ or Rockpool, whichever gets here in time), or the station's current faves. It's rather kitschy, I know, but I think it's gotten a lot of people (more) interested in new music than they would be, and apparently it's gained me a devoted following—I never have any problems getting that tenth call. Anyway, in a couple of weeks, I've got a doosie planned. We're gonna do a special 8-hour feature of the Top 100 Progressive Releases of 1986. The Top 100 will be a composite of the Rockpool and CMJ Top 100 College charts (REM is #1 on this list. Woodentops? No offense, Rockpool, but get serious! Most releases in a year doesn't mean most popular.). One cut per will be played, and at the end of the event we'll take the 88(.7)th caller whose lucky self will win his or her pick of ten albums from the Top 100. Casey Cases I'm not, and never want to be, but we're gonna promote the hell out of this baby, and hopefully expose a lot of people to your/our best. It'll be a veritable musical celebration of the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Six. I'm excited as all get out, and I hope you are, too. I'll tell you how it turns out next time... General Manager David Meyers, who is an Engineering major at Duke in his spare time, also happens to be a computer whiz, and he's written up a nifty program which ties into our playlist database and tracks the number of times each album is played each week. Neat, huh? Makes my job a lot easier! Anyway, he's working on an updated version which counts the number of times each song on each album is played! Once he gets the bugs out of that one, you'll regularly be seeing the current top ten 'XDU cuts here. No, we're not a buncha computer nerds, we just, as they say at Minolta or GTE or Isuzu or someplace, have our finger on the pulse of tomorrow...

P.S.: A Poet: Reach Out & Touch Someone
 You call Me... and
 I'm not here,
 Because
 I'm at work.
 I call you... and
 It's busy. Busy. Busy. Click.
 Or, ring, ring, ring, ring, no answer.
 Or, You're not in.
 Lunch is over.
 No time to wait.
 It sucks.
 But
 Let's try to live with it.
 OK?

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 You'll Be A Dentist,
 (Take Your Pick)
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P.P.S.: So I'm not a poet. So sue me.